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Nation Mourns 9 Killed in Historic Black Church

Kalamazoo residents gather at the Light Fine Arts building on Kalamazoo College campus to participate in a vigil to mourn the lives lost at the shooting in Charleston, S.C., Thursday, June 18, 2015, in Kalamazoo, Mich. Dylann Storm Roof, 21, was arrested Thursday in the slayings of several people, including the pastor at a prayer meeting inside a historic black church.

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US House revives Obama's trade agenda

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Even so, obstacles remain trade deals that Congress to completion of a plan can accept or reject, but that Obama, House Speaknot change. A total of 28 er John Boehner and Sen-Democrats supported the ate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, both Republicans, hope will send two

bills to the White House by the end of next week.

Obama has said repeatedly he wants both bills, but his spokesman refused several times to say what the president would do if the trade bill passes and the aid measure is blocked, as House Democrats have indicated they hope to do.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. speaks in Elizabethtown Ky. President Barack Obama's trade agenda appears to be back on track after an extraordinary bipartisan rescue operation mounted in the week since it was derailed in the House by rebellious Democrats backed by organized labor.

(AP Photo/Timothy D. Easley)

D. ESPO C. BABINGTON **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-controlled U.S. House revived President Barack Obama's trade agenda on Thursday, voting to strengthen his hand in global negotiations and clearing the way for a showdown in the Senate.

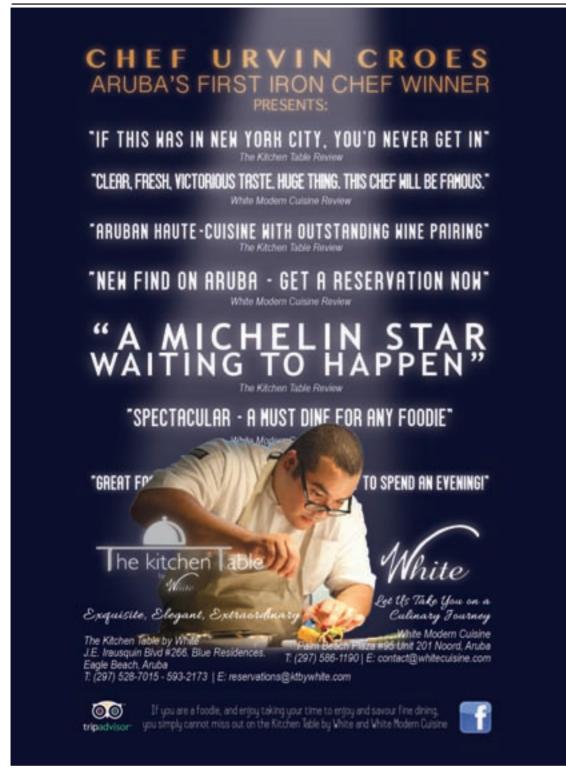
The 218-208 vote marked the first step in a bipartisan rescue operation mounted in the week since laborbacked Democrats in the House rebelled against the president and derailed the legislation he seeks to proceed with a landmark 12-nation Pacific Rim trade deal.

Additionally, a companion bill to provide federal aid for workers harmed by imports awaits action in both houses in the coming days. "Ninety-five percent of the world's consumers don't live in America, they live in other countries," said Rep. Paul Ryan, Republican point man in the effort to push bipartisan trade bills across the finish line and the party's vice presidential candidate in 2012. "And if we want to make more things here and sell them there then we need to tear down those trade barriers that make them more expensive."

Democrats fought the legislation, as they have for months, for fear it would lead to the loss of U.S. jobs overseas. "Let's kill this donkey once and for all," said







Charleston Shooting

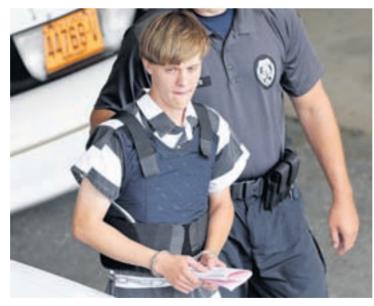
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JEFFREY COLLINS

RUSS BYNUM Associated Press CHARLESTON, South Caro**lina (AP)** — A white man who joined a prayer meeting inside a historic black church and then fatally shot nine people was captured without resistance Thursday after an all-night manhunt, police said.

Dylann Storm Roof, 21, spent nearly an hour inside the church Wednesday night before killing six women and three men, including the pastor, Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen said. A citizen spotted his car in North Carolina, nearly four hours away.

The chief wouldn't discuss a motive. Charleston May-



Charleston, S.C., shooting suspect Dylann Storm Roof is escorted from the Cleveland County Courthouse in Shelby, N.C., Thursday, June 18, 2015. Roof is a suspect in the shooting people Wednesday night at the historic The Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston.

(AP Photo/Chuck Burton)

it "pure, pure concentrated evil." Stunned community leaders and politicians condemned the attack on

or Joseph P. Riley Jr. called The Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Attorney General Loretta Lynch said the Justice Department has begun a hate crime investigation. President Barack Obama, who personally knew the slain pastor, state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, said these shootings have to stop.

"At some point, we as a country will have to reckon with the fact that this type of mass violence does not happen in other advanced countries," Obama said.

Pinckney, 41, was a married father of two who spent 19 years in the South Carolina leaislature. He became the youngest member of the House when he was first elected as a Democrat at 23.

"He had a core not many of us have," said Sen. Vincent Sheheen, who sat beside Pinckney in the Senate. "I think of the irony that the most gentle of the 46 of us — the best of the 46 of us in this chamber — is the one who lost his life."

The other victims were identified as Cynthia Hurd, 54; Tywanza Sanders, 26; the Rev. Sharonda Singleton, 45; Myra Thompson, 59; Ethel Lance, 70; Susie Jackson, 87; the Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr., 74; and De-Payne Doctor, 49.

The shootings took out the heart of a community civic leaders including three pastors, a regional library manager, a college enrollment counselor, and a high school track coach and left the historic church with just one living minister.

"Immediately, my heart started to sink, because I knew that this was going to mean a forever impact on many, many people," Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten said.

Wooten said autopsies would be conducted over the next several days and did not have specific information on how many times the victims were shot or the locations of their injuries.

Roof waived extradition from North Carolina Thursday and was taken to a ing a bulletproof vest, with shackles on his feet and his hands cuffed behind his back.

Roof's childhood friend, Joey Meek, alerted the FBI after recognizing him in a surveillance camera image. They recognized the

stained sweatshirt he had been wearing while playing Xbox videogames in their home.

"I don't know what was going through his head," Konzny said. "He was a really sweet kid. He was quiet. He only had a few friends." But Roof had been to jail: court records show a pending misdemean or drug case and a past misdemeanor trespassing charge. And he proudly displayed the flags of defeated whiteruled regimes, posing with a Confederate flags plate on his car and wearing a jacket with stitched-on flag patches from Rhodesia, which is now black-led Zimbabwe, and apartheid-era South Africa.

Meek said they had been best friends in middle school, then lost touch for years until Roof reappeared a few weeks ago. "All the sudden out of the

blue, he started talking about race. He started talking about Trayvon Martin," Meek told The Associated Press Thursday after he was questioned by authorities. "He said blacks were taking over the world. Someone needed to do something about it for the white race.

He said he wanted segregation between whites and blacks. I said, 'that's not the way it should be.' But he kept talking about it." The shooting evoked painful memories of other attacks. Black churches were bombed in the 1960s when they served as organizing hubs for the Civil Rights movement, and burned by arsons across the South in the 1990s. Others survived shooting sprees.

This particular congregation, which formed in 1816, has its own grim history: A founder, Denmark Vesey, was hanged after trying to organize a slave revolt in 1822, and white landowners burned the church in revenge, leaving parishioners to worship underground until after the Civil War.

waiting police car wear- This shooting "should be a warning to us all that we do have a problem in our society," said state Rep. Wendell Gilliard, a Democrat whose district includes the church. "There's a race problem in our country. There's a gun problem in our country.





Police officer slashed, suspect shot dead outside NYC subway



Police officials stand near the body of a man shot Thursday, June 18, 2015, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Authorities say a man slashed a New York City police officer with a knife before he was shot to death outside a subway station in Coney Island.

(AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York City police officer shot and killed a knife-wielding man on Thursday after the officer was slashed in the neck while trying to stop the man from assaulting an elderly woman, authorities said

Officer Filippo Gugliara, 24, was hospitalized in stable condition. At a news conference, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Police Commissioner William Bratton praised his response.

"He faced quite clearly a life-threatening situation with this individual," Bratton said. "But for his intercession, the assault on this 78-year-old woman - we don't know what would have happened."

The incident unfolded at about 2:15 p.m. near a subway station in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn. The 58-year-old suspect was involved in dispute in a shop that spilled out into the street, they said.

When the woman inter-

vened, the suspect turned on her and pushed her to the ground, police said. The officer, who was patrolling an elevated subway station, heard the commotion and came down to the street to help the woman.

The man pulled the knife and slashed the officer, police said. The officer responded by firing two rounds, hitting the man in the torso. The knife was recovered at the scene.

Doctors said the officer only needed a few stitches. They also said they believe the shoulder strap of the officer's vest apparently deflected the knife, preventing the wound from being more serious.

The assault victim was treated for minor injuries. Police said she had no previous connection to the suspect.



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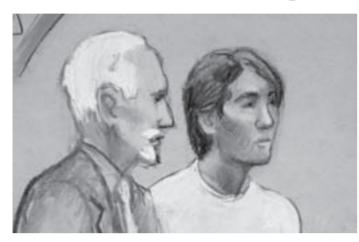
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Tsarnaev friend gets prison for misleading investigators



In this courtroom sketch, Khairullozhon Matanov, right, stands with attorney Paul Glickman in federal court in Boston. Matanov who had dinner with the Boston Marathon bombers hours after the 2013 attack was sentenced Thursday, June 18, 2015, to $2\frac{1}{2}$ years in prison for misleading investigators by failing to disclose his contact with the brothers in the days after the bombings and deleting files from his computer.

(AP Photo/Jane Flavell Collins)

DENISE LAVOIE AP Legal Affairs Writer BOSTON (AP) — A man was sentenced Thursday who had dinner with the

Boston Marathon bombers hours after the 2013 attack to 2½ years in prison for

misleading investigators by failing to disclose his contact with the brothers in the days after the bombings and deleting files from his computer.

Khairullozhon Matanov, 24, was a friend of Tamerlan Tsarnaev and an acquaintance of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. He pleaded guilty in March to misleading the FBI.Matanov saw photoaraphs released by the FBI three days after the attack, but did not immediately call authorities.

He went to police the next morning and gave them the Tsarnaevs' names, address and phone numbers, but by then the brothers had killed an MIT police officer and engaged in a wild gun battle with police in Watertown. Tamerlan was killed, while Dzhokhar escaped in a stolen car and was found later that day hiding in a boat stored Judge William Young imposed the 2½-year sentence called for in a plea agreement Matanov reached with prosecutors, but harshly reprimanded him for deceiving the FBI and diverting the agency's resources at a time when they were in the throes of an active terrorism investiaation.

When he was interviewed by the FBI, he did not tell them that he had called Tamerlan Tsarnaev less than an hour after the bombings and invited him to dinner that night or about contacts he had with him in the following days.

"All we asked you was to give us a hand. All we wanted was for you to help us out, and you didn't do that," Young said.

Young said everyone agrees that Matanov, a native of Kyrgyzstan, did not know about the bombings ahead of time or participate in the attack.

The judge launched into a patriotic speech about the "common sense of decency" Americans have, citing the many marathon spectators who ran toward the bombing sites to help the injured, the firefighters who ran into the World Trade Center towers in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001, and the teachers in Newtown, Connecticut, who did not flee the school during a 2012 mass shooting, but instead stayed to try to protect the students. Twenty children and six school staff members were killed.

"It's been well said that duty is the noblest word in the English language ... You failed in that duty," Young

Matanov apologized for lying to the FBI.

"It was wrong, and I do not support, or I'm not a sympathizer of, any terrorist organization," he said.



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NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)

 A man was charged Thursday with conspiring with three other men to provide material support to the Islamic State terror

Samuel Rahamin Topaz was charged Thursday with conspiring to travel overseas to join the terror group. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine upon conviction.

The 21-year-old Topaz was arrested at his home and made an initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Newark on Thursday and was held without bail, the U.S. attorney's office said. Topaz's attorney,

Borce Martinoski, said Topaz will plead not guilty.

According to the criminal complaint released Thursday, Topaz told investigators who executed a search warrant on his home Wednesday that he sympathized with the Islamic State group and its activity, that he watched Islamic State videos that depicted beheadings and that he agreed with the three abroad to join the Islamic State.

The complaint alleges Topaz had numerous meetings and exchanged numerous text messages and phone calls with the three, referred to as CC-1, CC-2

and CC-3. The description of CC-2 matches that of 20-year-old Munther Omar Saleh, a New York City college student who was arrested this month and charged with conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

The New York man is alleged to have made online postings supporting the Charlie Hebdo attack co-conspirators to travel in Paris and saying "AQ," believed to refer to Al-Qaeda, "could be getting too moderate

> ." The criminal complaint against Topaz alleges the two men discussed going abroad to join the Islamic State.



Which woman should appear on \$10 bill? Lew will weigh ideas



Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. Lew is to officially announce Thursday, June 18 that a redesign of the \$10 will feature the first woman on the nation's paper money in more than a century.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Harriet Tubman? Eleanor Roosevelt? Rosa Parks?

Speculation is rising over which American woman will be chosen to grace the \$10 bill, which has featured Alexander Hamilton since 1929. The answer will come sometime after summer, after Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew considers suggestions from anyone who wants to offer one—through town hall meetings or online.

Whoever is chosen by Lew will be the first woman to appear on U.S. paper currency in more than a century.

The bill's actual design won't be unveiled until 2020, the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

Treasury has created a website — www.thenew10. treasury.gov — for Americans to submit suggestions. The public can propose

both which woman should be chosen and which symbols of democracy should be included in the redesigned bill. Comments can also be submitted on Twitter using the hashtag #The-New10.

"We are asking the American people to tell us what democracy means to them," Lew told reporters. "Their feedback will shape what the new bill will look like."

The first information sessions will be in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 24 and Washington on July 15 at the two printing facilities that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing uses to produce the nation's paper money. The effort to put a woman on the currency began as a grassroots effort with a group known as Women on 20s launching a petition campaign to urge President Barack Obama to replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill with a woman. Last summer, Obama expressed support for the effort. He said he had received a letter from a young girl suggesting such a change.

In a speech Thursday, Lew said the young letter writer, a 9-year-old third grader named Sofia, had triggered an outpouring of support. "Sofia's letter clearly struck a chord with Americans across the country, with thousands of our fellow citizens responding to her letter," Lew told an audience at the National Archives where he outlined plans for the currency change, calling it a "small step with big significance."

Lew offered no hints of whom he might choose, saying he first wanted to hear the views of the public. But the Women on 20s group conducted an Internet poll in which more than 600,000 votes were cast. Harriet Tubman, the African-American abolitionist, emerged as the winner.

In that poll, which asked people to first pick three finalists from among 15 women, Eleanor Roosevelt came in second, followed by Rosa Parks, the civil rights heroine, and Wilma Mankiller, the first woman to serve as chief of the

Cherokee Nation.

By law, only the portrait of a deceased person can appear on the nation's banknotes.

Treasury officials said that Hamilton, the nation's first Treasury secretary, will not disappear from the redesigned \$10 bill. They said they expect his image to be retained in some way on the redesigned bill.

"There are many options for continuing to honor Hamilton," the Treasury said in a fact sheet. "While one option is producing two bills, we are exploring a variety of possibilities."





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American Living:

Lobster prices rise as summer season gets off to slow start

PATRICK WHITTLE Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — American lobster prices are swelling as the summer fishing season gets off to a slow start in New England. The summer staple is selling in the \$6 or \$8 per pound range to consumers, an average increase of about \$1 to \$2 from last year, Maine lobstermen and dealers said. Prices are high because supply is low — the season picks up after the bulk of lobsters shed shells and reach legal harvesting size, and lobstermen said that hasn't happened yet. This year's summer lobster

fishing season appears

likely to feature a mid-July

shed followed by a boom

in catch, said Tim Harkins, president of the Maine Lobster Dealers Association.

The 2012 and 2013 summers featured early sheds, which resulted in huge catches that flooded the market and depressed prices. State biologists said last year that the cold winter and spring may have held back lobster molting in 2014. That appears to have happened again.

Harkins described those early sheds as "an anomaly," and said prices will likely come down later this summer.

"Everyone I've spoken to expects to see new shell lobsters after (July) 4th," he said Maine is by far the biggest lobster fishing state in the country — federal data show that more than 85 percent of America's 2013 lobster catch was from Maine. The state is also in the midst of a multi-year boom in lobster catch, with lobstermen bringing in more than 100 million pounds of lobster every year since 2010.

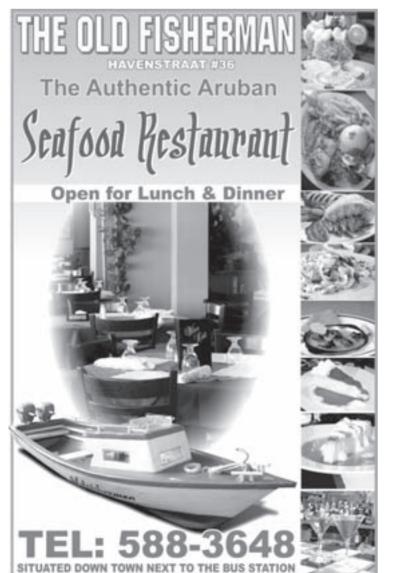
Lobster value at the dock nosed up last year, with fishermen getting \$3.69 per pound after getting less than \$3 per pound the previous two years. State regulators said the return to a mid-summer shed made the lobsters more valuable for dealers, processors and restaurants.

This year, lobstermen are getting as much as \$6 per pound at the dock because of the low supply, said Sheila Dassatt, executive director of the Downeast Lobstermen's Association. Lobstermen are getting an average of 50 or 75 cents more per pound at the dock than



In this June 12, 2015 photo, Steve Kingston, owner of the Clam Shack in Kennebunkport, Maine, sorts lobsters at his restaurant. American lobster prices are rising as the summer fishing season gets off to a slow start in New England.

(AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)



Grocers: Vermont GMO law could lead to fines of \$10 million a day

WILSON RING
Associated Press
MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)

— Vermont's first-in-thenation law requiring the labeling of foods made with genetically modified organisms could cost the nation's grocers up to \$10 million a day in fines, according to a letter from an industry organization that is suing the block the law.

The letter to Gov. Peter Shumlin from the head of the Grocery Manufacturers Association, dated Wednesday, said companies could be fined up to \$1,000 a day per unlabeled item — a can of soup or a box of cereal, for instance — that mistakenly ends up on store shelves. The law is due to take effect next year. "Even with the best of intentions, excellent supply chain logistics and herculean efforts, product will be in the wrong place at any given time, resulting in millions upon millions of dollars in potential fines," said GMA President Pamela G. Bailey.

She estimated more than 100,000 items sold in the state would require Vermont-specific labels, a companies could quickly amass millions in fines if only 5 to 10 percent of products slip through.

Shumlin had a clear response Thursday: "Just label your products. All of them nationwide."

He said labeling foods with genetically modified organisms — which can include food made from seeds that were originally engineered in laboratories to have certain traits, like resistance to herbicides — is already required by 64 countries.



Eurozone leaders to hold emergency summit on Greece



Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis, left, speaks with Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund Christine Lagarde during a round table meeting of eurogroup finance ministers at the European Council building in Luxembourg on Thursday, June 18, 2015. (AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

LORNE COOK PAN PYLAS Associated Press LUXEMBOURG (AP) — The eurozone's 19 leaders have been summoned to an emergency summit next week after talks about Greece's bailout ended in acrimony on Thursday, intensifying fears that the country was heading for bankruptcy and an exit from the euro. Donald Tusk, who chairs meetings of European leaders, called them to Brussels on Monday evening to "urgently discuss the situation of Greece at the highest political level" — frustrated at the lack of progress less than two weeks before a big payment Athens has to make to the International Monetary Fund.

It will be one of, if not, the most important meeting In the euro's 16-year existence. Greece's future in the currency, which it

joined in 2002, could very well be at stake when Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras faces his peers, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande.

"The key emergency, in my view, is to restore a dialogue with adults in the room," IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said.

However Lagarde's comment is interpreted, the decision to call the summit is a clear sign that relations between Greece and its creditors are as strained as at any time since Athens was first bailed out five years ago. Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis acknowledged that relations have reached a low point.

"There is a lack of trust in the eurogroup," he said after a meeting where he claims he brought a "radical, innovative proposal." Details of the offer were unclear, but Lagarde said "it cannot be about smoke and mirrors; it has to be tangible proposals." Greece is running out of time to secure a deal to get the money it needs to meet upcoming debt payments. First and foremost it has to pay around 1.6 billion euros (\$1.8 billion) to the IMF on June 30. With the clock ticking, Lagarde said Greece's debt obligation is not up for negotiation.

"There is no period of grace of one or two months as I have read here and there," she said. "It's due on June 30."

Without a deal that would unlock the remaining cash — about 7.2 billion euros (\$8.21 billion) — in its bailout fund, Greece faces bankruptcy.

If no solution is found by the end of the month, it could be left to its own devices without even the support of the European Central Bank to prop up the country's banks. Since Greece is effectively broke and relying on outside help, it may have no option other than to introduce a new currency most likely the centuriesold drachma — to pay wages, salaries and pen-

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Putin's ally suggests Russian leader could hold early vote

NATALIYA VASILYEVA AP Business Writer ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)

 Vladimir Putin's longtime ally suggested Thursday that the Russian president could order an early vote to win a mandate for much-needed economic reforms, comments that sent shock waves through Russia's business and political elite. Russia's economy, hit by Western sanctions and its own dependence on oil prices, has entered a recession, dropping 2.2 percent in the first quarter of the year. Prominent economists have

warned that unless Russia makes drastic reforms, it is doomed for stagnation.

Alexei Kudrin, Russia's finance minister from 2000-11 and the man who invited Putin in for a job in Russia's presidential administration in the late 1990s, suggested at an investment conference Thursday in St Petersburg that Putin could hold an early election in order to "win the mandate" for economic reforms.

Speaking to The Associated Press, Kudrin said he hadn't discussed the idea with Putin, whose current term expires in 2018.





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Israel church set ablaze in possible Jewish extremist attack

ARIEL SCHALIT ALON BERNSTEIN Associated Press

TABGHA, Israel (AP) - \wedge fire ripped through one of the most famous Catholic churches in the Holy Land on Thursday, damaging the roof and burning prayer books in what authorities believe is an attack by Jewish extremists.

The fire broke out at the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish in the middle of the night, causina extensive damage to the inside and outside of the building, said Israel police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld.

The modern building is built on the remains of a fifthcentury Byzantine church

and features a Byzantine mosaic floor that was not harmed. The church marks the traditional spot of Jesus' miracle of the loaves and fish, and is located on the shore of the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel. It is one of the most popular stops for Christian pilgrims visiting the Holy Land.

Father Gregory Collins, head of the Order of Saint Benedict in Israel, which maintains the site, said more than 5,000 people visit the church daily. He said the church would be closed for the next three days due to the fire damage. "It's deplorable, absolutely deplorable. I consider such an attack to be not just an attack on a



A nun surveys heavy damage at the Church of the Multiplication after a fire broke out in the middle of the night near the Sea of Galilee in Tabgha, Israel, Thursday, June 18, 2015. Israel police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said police are investigating whether the fire was deliberate and are searching for suspects. A passage from a Jewish prayer, calling for the wiping out of idol worship, was found scrawled in red spray paint on a wall outside the church.

(AP Photo/Ariel Schalit)

religious site, on a sanctuary, but also on one of the most visited places in Israel," Collins said. "It is also

speech, democracy and the right to live here." Father Matthias Karl, a German monk at the church,

said a souvenir shop, an

office for pilgrims and a meeting room were badly damaged, and bibles and prayer books were destroyed.

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Dengue outbreak infects thousands in Yemen

AHMED AL-HAJ Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) —

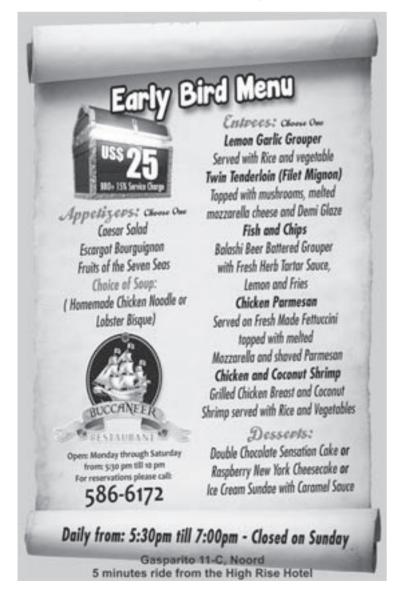
Thousands of people have been diagnosed with denque fever in southern Yemen, where fighting has raged for months between Shiite rebels and their opponents, international organizations and health officials said Thursday.

The top health ministry official in the southern port city of Aden, al-Khadr Al-Aswar, told The Associated Press that at least 5,000 people have been diagnosed with the mosauito-borne virus. He said mountains of uncollected garbage, along with untreated sewage and heat,

have contributed to the spread of the disease.

The World Health Organization said last week that at least 3,000 suspected cases have been reported since March in several provinces, including Ade, with three people dying from the disease. Dengue causes fever, headaches and skin rashes. Potentially lethal cases, mainly in children, involve abdominal pain, vomiting and difficulty breathing, according to the WHO. The WHO said the last major Yemeni outbreak, with 1,500 confirmed cases, was in 2011 in the western Hodeida governorate. The fighting in Yemen pits the Shiite

rebels, known as Houthis, and military units loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh against an array of forces, including southern separatists, local and tribal militias, Sunni Islamic militants and loyalists of internationally recognized President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi. A Saudi-led coalition backed by the United States began carrying out airstrikes against the Houthis and their allies in late March, but has made little progress in pushing them back. The unrest has killed more than 1,000 civilians, displaced more than a million and led to severe shortages of food, water, fuel and electricity.



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Hong Kong lawmakers reject Beijing-backed election plan



Pro-Beijing supporters attend a rally outside the Legislative Council in Hong Kong, Thursday, June 18, 2015. The Hong Kong government's controversial Beijing-backed election reforms were defeated Thursday by pro-democracy lawmakers.

(AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

KELVIN CHAN Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong lawmakers defeated the government's Beijing-backed election plan Thursday, vindicating prodemocracy activists who flooded the streets last year in protest but leaving the city's long-term political future up in the air.

Lawmakers spent two days debating the proposal, which would have allowed Hong Kong citizens to vote for the top leader for the first time in 2017, but require all candidates to be approved by Beijing.

The crucial legislature vote ended in a confusing anticlimax when most proestablishment lawmakers walked out moments before it began in what appeared to be a bungled attempt to delay the vote by depriving it of a quorum. The proposal was rejected after 28 lawmakers, all but one from pro-democracy parties, voted against it. Eight were in favor and 34 did not cast votes.

Even if the lawmakers had remained, the proposal would have been rejected because the government needed at least 47 of 70 votes for approval.

Outside the legislature,

pro-democracy supporters cheered after hearing the result.

"This is the result that we want, so everyone is very happy," said 19-year-old student Sylvia Leung.

The defeat marks the end of the territory's most tumultuous year since Beijing took control in 1997. Known for being a stable and prosperous Asian financial center, Hong Kong has been hit by chaotic and unruly protests since Beijing's legislature decreed last August that it wanted elections to be restricted. Tens of thousands of people, most of them students, took to the streets in response, occupying busy thoroughfares in three neighborhoods for 11 weeks last autumn to protest what they called "fake democracy.'

The defeat raises the prospect of a political stalemate for years to come.

China's legislature signaled its determination not to back down from its August decision despite the veto.

"Its legal force is unquestionable," the National People's Congress Standing Committee said in a statement, according to the official Xinhua news agency.

Hong Kong Chief Secretary

Carrie Lam told lawmakers just before the vote that she was "sad and disappointed" knowing that the proposal would be defeated.

"I don't know when democratization can be taken forward," she said. Hong Kong and Beijing officials have said that in the event of a defeat, leaders would continue to be handpicked by a 1,200-member panel of local elites. Hong Kong is a former British colony that retains its own legal and financial system and civil liberties such as freedom of speech not seen on the mainland. Even during colonial times, residents were unable to choose their leader, then known as the governor, who was dispatched from London.

Hong Kong's unpopular current leader, Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, said he was "disappointed" with the defeat and signaled that his administration would not attempt to restart democratic development during the two years remaining in his term.

"It's time for the community to move on," Leung told reporters. "In the coming two years, the Hong Kong government will focus efforts on the various economic development and livelihood issues."

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Mexico deports more Central Americans than the United States

MARK STEVENSON ALBERTO ARCE Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico now deports more Central American migrants than the United States, a dramatic shift since the U.S. asked Mexico for help a year ago with a spike in illegal migration, especially among unaccompanied minors.

Between October and April, Mexico apprehended 92,889 Central Americans. In the same time period, the United States detained 70,226 "other than Mexican" migrants, the vast majority from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

That was a huge reversal from the same period a year earlier, when the wave of migrants and unaccompanied minors from Central America was building. From October 2013 to April 2014, the United States apprehended 159,103 "other than Mexicans," three times the 49,893 Central Americans detained by Mexico.

The difference is Mexico's new Southern Border Program, an initiative that included sending 5,000 federal police to the border with Guatemala and more border and highway checkpoints. Raids on mi-

grants increased and authorities focused on keeping migrants off the northbound freight train known as "the Beast," on which many have suffered mutilation injuries.

Tomas Gonzalez, a Franciscan friar who runs the "72" shelter for migrants in Tenosique, a town in the southern Mexico state of Tabasco.

In the past, Mexican mi-

the governments in Mexico and Central America to try to stanch the flow. Mexico has proved the

Mexico has proved the more efficient in deportations, which is already causing concerns among



Central American migrants wait atop the freight train they had been traveling north on, as it starts to rain after the train suffered a minor derailment outside Reforma de Pineda, Chiapas state, Mexico. Mexico now deports more Central American migrants than the United States, a dramatic shift since the U.S. asked Mexico for help a year ago with a spike in illegal migration, especially among unaccompanied minors.

(AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

Neither U.S. nor Mexican immigration officials responded to requests for comment on the change this week, though officials in the past have said it is aimed at reducing dangers facing migrants.

"Mexico is doing the dirty work, the very dirty work, for the United States," said gration officials looked the other way as thousands rafted across the river at the border and then boarded freight trains north. In 2014, more than 46,000 unaccompanied minors from Central America crossed into the United States, leading the U.S. government to turn to human rights groups about the new tactics.

In most cases, Mexico holds migrants only long enough to verify their nationalities, and quickly bundles them aboard buses to take them back to their home countries. "The time that foreigners are in immigration (detention) centers depends only on the speed with which the authorities of their (home) countries confirm their nationality," Mexico's National Immigration Institute said in an email response to questions from The Associated Press. Maureen Meyer of the Washington Office on Latin America think tank, which noted the dramatic change in a report this week, questions the speed Mexico is using.

"What we have heard continuously in the past year is that migrants are being so rapidly deported that even some that might have wanted to request some type of protection, or who would have been eligible for some type of humanitarian visa because they had been victims of crime in Mexico, haven't had that opportunity," Meyer said.

By comparison, when immigrants are caught crossing the U.S. border illegally, the process of being sent home can take anywhere from hours to years. Mexican nationals are often repatriated quickly — sometimes the same day they are caught — while migrants from other countries often spend at least a few days in U.S. custody before being flown back to their country of origin.



Dominican Republic: Thousands brace for possible deportation

EZEQUIEL LOPEZ
Associated Press
SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Thousands of people began preparing Thursday for deportation from the Dominican Republic after failing to obtain legal residency as part of a government program to crack down on migrants, most of them from neighboring Haiti or of Haitian descent.

The government urged people to start carrying documents to prove they're residents and avoid deportation in case immigration agents stop them. Many expected authorities to immediately start deporting people, but the

government said it would be a slow, ongoing process.

The repatriations are not going to be "a witch hunt," said Interior Minister Ramon Fadul. "It will be a gradual process, as it should be, without any sudden surprises." Ruben Paulino, migration director, had warned that starting Thursday agents would patrol areas with a high concentration of Haitian migrants to repatriate those lacking the required documents.

Dozens of people were turned away at midnight Wednesday's deadline after standing in line for more than 24 hours to submit applications to establish their legal status.

Even those who did apply said they are still concerned because enrollment does not guarantee a residency permit.

"Every day I wake up to that, to the fact that I'm leaving for Haiti," said Froilan Bartelmi, a 27-yearold clothes vendor who was among the last to enroll in the immigration registration program.

Bartelmi said he doesn't fear being deported: "I'm not going to die of hunger." But he does worry about losing all his merchandise and being separated from his wife and 5-year-old son, who was born in the Dominican Republic.





Clyde Harms newly named Honorary President of the Nuevo Mundo Festival & Academy with its Director, Simón Gollo and Mrs. Milagro Harms.

Clyde Harms Honored by the Nuevo Mundo Festival & Academy



Clyde Harms accepting the honorary presidency of the Nuevo Mundo Festival and Academy.

ORANJESTAD - Before Tuesday's Gala Concert to close this years' successful festival, the Director Simón Gollo announced that the Aruban Clyde Harms had been named the Honorary President of the Nuevo Mundo Festival and Academy. He also announced that the yearly scholarship given to the winner of the students' competition would be named The Clyde Harms Scholarship. Mr. Harms and his Maracaibo born wife Milagro have been ardent fans of the Nuevo Mundo since 2005. Mr. Harms has been instrumental in bringing the festival to Aruba. In his speech to receive the award, Mr. Harms showed the importance of having the festival held in Aruba and urged all Arubans to support it.



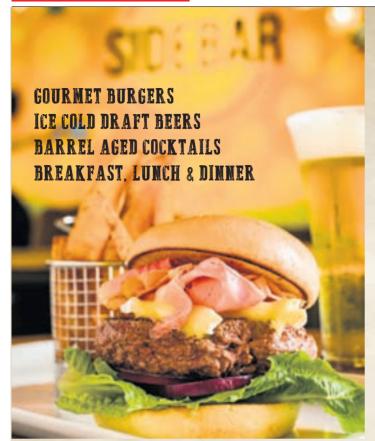


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Pennsylvania. John and Barbara love Aruba verv much, because of the friendly Aruban people, the facilities at the Divi Resorts, the climate, beaches, restaurants and they love to meet every year with their lovely Aruban friends from the Divi who treat them like family. The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with staff members of the Divi All-inclusive Beach Resort.



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Siloam Orphanage provides for children with a variety of needs–from toddlers who have been abandoned to children who have mental and physical disabilities.

An activity such as this demonstrates USFOL's eagerness for community involvement and their long standing appreciation for the hospitality received from the citizens of Curação.





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Team Aruba Returns for IHRA President's Cup Nationals!

UNION, S.C. - Maryland International Raceway has long been a hatching ground for historic races and record setting runs, especially among Mountain Motor Pro Stocks. This weekend Pro Stock returns to MDIR for the IHRA President's Cup Nationals. Pro Stock standout Trevor Eman and Team Aruba have their sights set on making some historic runs of their own down this famed raceway.

"This is a race track we've visited often in the past for IHRA races, MMPSA races and testing opportunities," stated Eman. "Budds Creek is full of history, great stories and incredible racing for the Mountain Motor Pro Stock class. It's a fast race track where we always enjoy competing.

"Our engine is back from its scheduled maintenance and refreshing, along with some additional updates from Jon Kaase Racing Engines. We have great confidence in our engine builder and the entire team at JKRE to supply us with high horsepower engine and we can't wait to have that evidence Budds Creek."

Team Aruba has had a strong presence since re-joining the IHRA this

show up on the scoreboards in strong emphasis on their fans and partners. The Aruba.com Mustang will be proudly proclaiming a new sponsor just in time for the Presi-



season, and with continued horsepower improvements, are gunning for their first win of 2015. As focused as the team is on beating the competition, they also have a dent's Cup.

"This weekend and the rest of this season we will be accompanied by a new partner, the Aruba Airport Authority," told Eman. "Since we have to travel by air for every race to get to the US, the airport here in Aruba is a place we visit often. Furthermore, it's a place where all visiting tourists and potential visiting tourists of Aruba will walk through, so we feel the concept of being partnered with the Aruba Airport Authority is a perfect fit for both of us.

"The Aruba Airport was giving an award as being 'highly commended' for Excellence in Airport Marketing by the 2015 Routes Americas, a huge accomplishment for both the Aruba Airport Authority and Aruba itself. We look forward to carrying Aruba and the Aruba Airport Authority on fast runs this weekend in our Jerry Haas built Ford Mustang. We cannot be more proud to be partnered with such an organization and look forward to promoting our 'One Happy Island' together."

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SPURIS ENDAY

Cavs coach says bond with LeBron 'more than meets the eye'

TOM WITHERS AP Sports Writer INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)

— Even after guiding a team wrecked by injuries to the NBA Finals in his first season, Cleveland Cavaliers coach David Blatt can't escape a narrative that's shadowed him for months.

His relationship with superstar LeBron James remains a touchy topic.

On Thursday, as a national column painted an unflattering portrait of how James treated him during postseason games, Blatt said he considers coaching the four-time Most Valuable PLayer a privilege and they have a positive connection.

"People sometimes judge things on a game or on a period of time and they forget that we're in there working together and striving to make the utmost of our team and of our situation day to day," Blatt said, "and a bond develops over time that is a lot more than what meets the eye." Two days after the Cavaliers' season ended with a Game 6 loss to Golden State in the NBA Finals, Blatt and general manager David Griffin both addressed team's upcoming plans to rebuild its roster, re-sign several core players including James, Kevin Love and Tristan Thompson and improve a bench aging at the back end that didn't provide enough help against the Warriors. And while there's plenty of work to be done, Blatt,

And while there's plenty of work to be done, Blatt, who said he "absolutely" intends to return next season, doesn't believe his bridge with James needs major repair.

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Henrik Stenson, of Sweden, hits out of the bunker on the sixth hole during the first round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay on Thursday, June 18, 2015 in University Place, Wash.

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DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

(AP) — The first time Henrik Stenson saw Cham-UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. bers Bay, he walked the

Stenson, Johnson share early lead in U.S. Open at Chambers Bay

course without playing it. The Swede did just fine with clubs in his hand Thursday in a rousing start to the U.S.

Stenson birdied three of his last four holes for a 5-under 65, his lowest score in the U.S. Open, to share the lead with Dustin Johnson among the early starters.

Johnson was flawless until a bogey on his final hole, the par-3 ninth, that showed how wild this course can play. He pulled a 6-iron long, and then hit a chip

that looked like it was running fast off the green until it made a hard left turn. He missed the 15-foot par putt. Stenson and Johnson had a one-shot lead over Patrick Reed.

Masters champion Jordan Spieth and Tiger Woods were among those playing in the afternoon. Woods opened with three bogevs in four holes, already struggling. The morning groups were happy to get the first date with Chambers Bay out of the way.

"One day out of four done, and we're right there with where we want to be," Stenson said. "It's still a long journey until Sunday afternoon." It's a long journey every round at Chambers Bay, the mystery course built on a former sand-andgravel pit with 200 feet of elevation from the highest point to the train tracks that run along Puget Sound.

The course was always going to be the star in the opening round because no one knew what to expect. The USGA allowed for a relatively gentle setup, and the overcast sky and lack of wind certainly helped.

Phil Mickelson showed early that he might be in the mix for another shot — or more heartache — in the only major he has never won. He was among the early leaders until back-to-back bogeys in the middle of the back nine for a 69.

"I thought there was nothing hokey or crazy with any pin positions or how it played," Mickelson said.

"I thought it was difficult. I think the biggest challenge is that the green speeds are different from green to green. That's going to wreak havoc on our touch."

Rory McIlroy failed to take advantage of the early start. The world's No. 1 player hit the ball beautifully for most of the day and couldn't make a putt. He wound up with a 72.

Stenson was among those who were skeptical about Chambers Bay, which opened only eight years ago. Slowed by a stomach virus in the spring, he flew to Seattle on his way to the Match Play Championship and decided to walk the course to get a feel for how it played. It is faster now, and much firmer, and he thrived on it.

So did Johnson, no stranger to great starts in majors.

Johnson lost a chance to win the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach five years ago with an 82 in the final round. He missed out on a playoff at the PGA Championship that same year by grounding his club without realizing he was in a bunker at Whistling Straits. And his challenge at the British Open in 2011 was derailed by a 2-iron that went outot-bounds on the 14th hole. But coming off a six-month break to get his life in order, Johnson is as imposing as ever. He likes the look of a big course where he can smash his way around it, and hitting it straight always helps.







Mickelson makes early bid at another US Open chance

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. (AP) — Phil Mickelson poured in his fourth birdie on the 11th, taking that giant step toward the hole as he pumped his left fist. His name was atop the leaderboard Thursday at the U.S. Open, and it looked as though he wasn't going anywhere.

Curiously, the guy known for taking chances decided to play it safe on the reachable par-4 12th hole. He had to settle for par, followed with back-to-back bogeys and never regained any momentum. Mickelson wound up with a 1-under 69, not the score he wanted for as well as he hit the ball.

He was four shots out of the lead, and that didn't bother him at all.

"I shot under par the first day of the U.S. Open," Mickelson said. "The first round was the round I was going to be most nervous at, getting started. You don't want to have to fight to come back all the time. You want to get off to a solid start around par. And I got off to a good start and shot 1 under."

Based on the way he played Chambers Bay in the opening round, he could be headed for another chance — or more heartache — at the only major he hasn't won.

He showed from the start this might be another good week.

From some 60 yards below the first green after a poor approach, Mickelson hit a lofted wedge with so much spin that the ball landed and checked immediately next to the cup for a tap-in par. Mickelson made four birdies and he missed three chances inside 10 feet on the front nine alone.

But it was the 12th hole, playing 317 yards up the hill, that slowed him.

The pin was in the back left side of the green, beyond a sharp ridge, and Lefty felt it would be tough for him to hit driver back there.

"I was going to be on the low section with a very difficult putt," he said. "I felt I the junk and I make a 5 or a 6, it just hurts the round. I didn't want one hole to come up and bite me."

Mickelson made bogey from a bunker on 13, and twice went into the bunker on the 14th hole. He had

Dustin Johnson gets his putter from his caddie on the 11th hole during the first round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay on Thursday, June 18, 2015 in University Place, Wash.

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could get a wedge every bit as close as I could a putt from the front of the green. And I also felt at 3 under, I don't have to have one hole ruin my round. If I hit one bad drive and go in to make a 10-foot putt to escape with bogey, and then he had to settle for pars over the final four holes. He had few complaints about his game or the course. His only reservation was the inconsistent speed of the greens.

"I thought it played as we expected," he said. "I thought there was nothing hokey or crazy with any pin positions or how it played. I thought it was difficult. I think the biggest challenge is that the green speeds are different from green to green. That's going to wreak havoc on our touch. And that's the only thing I could possibly think of that is not really positive, because I think it's been very well done."

Most troublesome were the downhill putts. Mickelson said it was difficult for a putt to hold its line with that kind of speed.

"But uphill, they seem to hold the line just fine," he said. "I might have to factor that in how I play some shots now, because I think the percentage of made putts uphill from 3 to 9 feet is going to be quite a bit higher than downhill."





Murray beats Verdasco in 2nd round at Queen's Club

LONDON (AP) — Top-seed-second round on Thursday. co for the second time to ed Andy Murray stayed on course for a record-tying fourth title at Queen's Club by defeating Fernando

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Britain's Andy Murray plays a return to Spain's Fernando Verdasco during their singles tennis match at the Queen's Championships in London, Thursday, June 18, 2015.

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"I felt like I dug myself out of a few difficult situations when I was behind on my serve. Especially in the second set, I played some good points there, a few aces, like right in the right spots, a few onto the line at big moments."

Defending champion Grigor Dimitrov lost to Gilles Muller of Luxemboura 6-4. 7-6 (5). The sixth-seeded Dimitrov won the title last year by defeating Feliciano Lopez, but has failed to reach a final since. He was bidding to successfully defend a title for the first time in his career.

In a match of few rallies in which Muller had 19 aces and Dimitrov 15, the Bulgarian double-faulted at 5-4 in the first set, and made a forehand error to give Muller the only break of the match and the first set.

Dimitrov saved a break

point at 2-1 in the second with a backhand winner down the line, but Muller was stronger in the tiebreaker.

"I don't think I'm playing bad tennis at the moment," Dimitrov said. "I just am doing a lot of good things on the court which really don't discourage me to play. Of course, it's a tough loss for me, but I give credit to Gilles. He played a good match."

In another big-serve show in which John Isner hit 36 aces and Feliciano Lopez 29, Isner made the quarterfinals with a 7-6 (5), 6-7 (9), 7-6 (4) victory.

Lopez earned the first break point of the match at 5-4 in the second set, and although Isner saved the set when Lopez returned wide, the Spaniard went on to save two match points and claim the second tiebreaker on his fourth set point.

Isner earned two more match points at 5-4 in the final set, before securing victory in the tiebreaker on his sixth match point.



AL Capsules

Twins edge Cardinals 3-1 as **AL teams dominate NL rivals**

The Associated Press MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Tommy Milone gave up one run in seven innings and the Minnesota Twins squeaked out a victory over St. Louis. Milone (3-1) gave up five hits and struck out five and Eduardo Nunez had two hits and two RBIs to help the reeling Twins, who had lost seven of their previous

eight games.

Carlos Martinez (7-3) gave up two runs — one earned — on five hits and struck out six in 6 2/3 innings for the Cardinals, who are embroiled in a federal investigation into allegations that members of the team's baseball operations hacked into the Houston Astros' personnel database.

The Cardinals had two runners on with no outs in the ninth, but Glen Perkins struck out Mark Reynolds and Randal Grichuk and got Yadier Molina to ground out to improve to 23 for 23 in save tries.

Baseball Capsules YANKEES 2, MARLINS 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez singled twice to raise his career hits total to 2,997, Michael Pineda carried a no-hit bid into the seventh inning before allowing Christian Yelich's home run, and the New York Yankees beat the Miami Marlins 2-1 Wednesday night.

On a night when Yankees manager Joe Girardi was spared having to decide whether to lift Pineda with a high pitch count and New York benefited from an overturned call at home plate that prevented the tying run in the eighth inning, A-Rod closed in on becoming the 29th player to reach the 3,000 mark.

Rodriguez lined an RBI single to center in the first inning, singled softly to center in the fifth, walked twice to reach in all four plate appearances and also was thrown out at home plate. With New York starting an eight-game homestand, he has a good chance to get No. 3,000 at home. MARINERS 2, GIANTS 0 SEATTLE (AP) — Felix Hernandez pitched eight innings of four-hit ball, Austin Jackson delivered a goahead RBI triple in the sixth,

and Seattle beat San Fran-

cisco. Hernandez (10-4) allowed four hits, struck out five and walked two to rebound from the worst outing of his career. The Mariners' ace allowed a runner to reach scoring position twice, but both times he quickly retired the side by inducing a

groundout. Charlie Furbush retired the first two batters of the ninth and Carson Smith struck out Matt Duffy for his fourth save in five chances.

Jackson tripled home Mike Zunino with one out in the sixth off San Francisco starter Madison Bumaarner (7-4). Robinson Cano followed with an RBI double. Bumgarner, who lost a perfect-game bid in the fifth, also gave up four hits in eight innings, striking out nine and issuing one intentional walk.

ATHLETICS 16, PADRES 2 OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jesse Chavez struck out a career-high 11 in seven innings to win for only the second time in his last eight starts, Billy Butler had four hits including a three-run home run and Oakland beat San Diego.

Chavez (3-6) went into the game with the eighth-lowest ERA in the AL and was dominant while allowing three hits over seven innings. He fanned seven of the first 11 batters, walked one and didn't allow a runner past first base until Alexi Amarista homered on the first pitch leading off the sixth.

Ben Zobrist drove in three runs and fell a home run shy of hitting for the cycle for the A's. Stephen Vogt added two RBIs.

Will Middlebrooks homered for the Padres, who lost their third straight since firing manager Bud Black on Monday.

BLUE JAYS 8, METS 0 TORONTO (AP) — Danny Valencia hit a three-run homer. Kevin Pillar had a solo shot and Toronto beat New York behind a solid start from Drew Hutchison. Pillar went 3 for 4 with two RBIs as the Blue Jays, whose 11-game winning streak ended with Monday's 11-inning loss to the Mets at Citi Field, won the opener of a five-game homestand. Toronto is 12-3 in June.

The Blue Jays lead the majors with 369 runs. Entering play Wednesday, Arizona was second with 291.

The Mets dropped to 10-20 on the road. They've lost 12 of 15 away from home.

Hutchison (6-1) allowed career highs of nine hits and eight runs in his previous outing, June 12 at Boston, but fared much better against the Mets. He gave up four hits in 5 2-3 innings, walked one and struck out

ROYALS 10, BREWERS 2 KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Joe Blanton picked up his first victory in nearly two years with five solid innings and Alcides Escobar equaled his career high with four RBIs as Kansas City pounded Milwaukee.

Blanton (1-0) had not won since June 29, 2013, while with the Los Angeles Angels against Houston. He limited the Brewers to one run and five hits. The 34-year-old right-hander struck out four and walked none, throwing a season high 73 pitch-

Escobar tripled with the bases loaded in a fourrun eighth. He also singled home a run in a three-run second. It was his third four-RBI game.

Mike Fiers (3-7) absorbed the loss, giving up six runs on eight hits and three walks in five innings.

CUBS 17, INDIANS 0

CLEVELAND (AP) — Kris Bryant had a grand slam and Kyle Schwarber was 4 for 5, including his first major league hit and RBI, and Chicago hit four home runs to rout Cleveland.

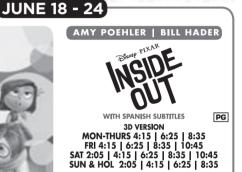


Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Tommy Milone pitches to the St. Louis Cardinals in the third inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in Minneapolis. The Twins won 3-1.

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Reds beat Tigers 8-4 on Frazier's grand slam

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CINCINNATI (AP) — Todd Frazier hit an early solo homer and a grand slam with two outs in the 13th inning, powering the Cincinnati Reds to a rain-delayed victory over the Detroit Tigers.

The Reds twice rallied from one-run deficits in the late innings, turning it into the longest game this season for both teams.

lan Krol (1-0) escaped a two-on threat in the 12th inning and stayed in the game. Skip Schumaker opened the 13th with a single and Billy Hamilton walked. Joakim Soria took over and gave up a single by Brandon Phillips that loaded the bases with one out. Frazier connected for his fourth homer in two days, ending it at 1:20 a.m. local time.

Burke Badenhop (1-2) retired the side in the 13th.

Jay Bruce had a careerhigh five hits — the first Reds player do so since Willy Tavares in 2009.

ASTROS 8, ROCKIES 4

DENVER (AP) — Carlos Correa hit one of Houston's four home runs, Brett Olberholtzer pitched effectively into the seventh inning and the Astros continued their power surge in a win over Colorado.

Chris Carter, Preston Tucker and Jake Marisnick also homered for the first-place Astros, who have won four



Cincinnati Reds' Todd Frazier watches his solo home run off Detroit Tigers starting pitcher David Price during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in Cincinnati.

Associated Press

straight and lead the majors with 95 home runs. Correa and George Springer had three hits each.

Olberholtzer (2-1) followed up his eight shutout innings against Seattle on Friday with another strong outing. He allowed three runs and eight hits, struck out five and didn't walk a batter in 6 1-3 innings.

He worked around Charlie Blackmon's leadoff double in the sixth but left after allowing Nick Hundley's RBI single in the seventh.

DIAMONDBACKS 3, ANGELS 2

PHOENIX (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt and Welington Castillo each hit a solo home run, and Arizona held on to beat Los Angeles. Both homers came off Hector Santiago (4-4).

Yasmany Tomas had three hits for Arizona, including an RBI triple.

Goldschmidt's 19th home run came in the first inning. Castillo hit his fourth — second since coming to the Diamondbacks — leading off the fourth.

Goldschmidt had two hits to raise his batting average to .363, best in the majors. He has reached base in 27 consecutive games, the longest active streak in the majors.

Chase Anderson (3-1) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings for his second straight win.

RAYS 5, NATIONALS 0
WASHINGTON (AP) — Steven Souza Jr. hit his 13th home run of the season and Curt Casali blasted the first of his career to help Tampa Bay beat Washing-

Souza and Casali each had three hits, with Souza doing so while returning to his former home park.

Matt Andriese (2-1) pitched four shutout innings of relief for the AL East-leading Rays. Reliever-turned-starter Steve Geltz got the first six outs in what manager Kevin Cash called a bullpen game.

Jordan Zimmermann (5-5) allowed three runs in seven innings for Washington.

The Nationals committed three errors and had just two hits, one night after belting out 23 in a 16-4 victory over the Rays in Tampa.

BRAVES 5, RED SOX 2

ATLANTA (AP) — Nick Markakis singled in the goahead run in the seventh inning, Pedro Ciriaco added a pair of RBI singles and Atlanta beat struggling Boston.

The Red Sox, who began the night in last place and eight games out in the AL East, have dropped eight of nine overall and 11 of 12 on the road.

Red Sox manager John Farrell showed his frustration in the bottom of the seventh, getting ejected for arguing balls and strikes.

Atlanta, which has won three of five, took its first lead at 3-2 in the seventh when Markakis singled to score Cameron Maybin. Markakis' hit came off Junichi Tazawa (0-3), who gave up three hits, two runs and one walk in two-thirds of an inning.

Nick Masset (2-1) earned the win in relief, and Jason Grilli recorded his 18th save in 20 chances.

ORIOLES 6, PHILLIES 4
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Chris
Parmelee homered for the
third time in two games
and Travis Snider also went
deep as Baltimore handed Philadelphia its ninth
straight defeat.

Cavs Coach

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It's no secret that James didn't always seem engaged with his coach during timeouts — anyone who watched the Cavs this season witnessed that — and there were times when he disagreed with Blatt, even questioned his strategies. But James' respect for Blatt seemed to grow as the season went on.

In fact, following Tuesday's pregame shoot-around before Game 6, James and Blatt walked off the court at Cleveland Clinic Courts with their arms around each other.

Blatt, who joined the Cavs last year after winning numerous titles in Europe, was asked if he adjusted his coaching style to accommodate James, the world's best player.

"Absolutely, yes," he said. "He is a galvanizing player. He is our best player. He's the league's best player. He's a winner. He's a proven champion. I think it's important that he feels empowered and at the same time that he knows that he's very much a part of this team. He's exhibited that, and always put the team's success beyond his. "Now if he has felt that he has something to say and wants to impose his



Cleveland Cavaliers coach David Blatt answers questions during a news conference Thursday, June 18, 2015, in Independence, Ohio.

Associated Press

will in terms of influencing in a positive way on those around him, that's a good thing. That's a good thing for all, and I certainly encourage that and certainly respected the fact that LeBron's heart was in the right place."

Griffin pointed out that just two weeks ago James, in the midst of a playoff run made more challenging because of season-ending injuries to Love and Kyrie Irving, praised Blatt's performance this season by saying he had done "a hell of a job."

"That's what the man said," said Griffin, who agreed with James' assessment, adding the Cavs went 33-3 in their last 36 games in which James, Love and Irving played together.

Griffin has grown tired of the negativity directed at Blatt.

"It never has to go away because it's all conjecture," he said. "So I think one thing David did as well as anybody I've ever seen, and I wish I did better, was just ignore the noise from the media perspective.



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Google's Nest targeting 'thoughtful' homes with new products

MICHAEL LIEDTKE AP Technology Writer SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

Google's Nest Labs is releasing new versions of its surveillance-video camera and talking smoke detector as part of its attempt to turn homes into yet another thing that can be controlled and tracked over the Internet.

The gadgets unveiled Wednesday are Nest's most significant product updates since Google bought the Palo Alto, California, company last year for about \$2.75 billion. A few months later, Google bought surveillance-camera maker Dropcam for \$517 million to help Nest realize its ambition of creating "thoughtful" homes.

Like several other technology companies, Google is implanting its own products and services into homes as more appliances and other gadgets feed into an Internet-connected matrix. Nest, which is led by former Apple engineer and iPod designer Tony Fadell, is playing a central role in Google's expansion into homes.

Google also is building an operating system called Brillo to enable all the Internet-connected home devices to communicate with each other. Brillo will compete against a similar system called HomeKit offered by Apple.

In most instances, a person's smartphone will serve as a remote for controlling all the Internet-connected appliances. The smartphones can also be used to receive notifications about what's happening in the house.

The concept of a fully automated home once seemed like a far-off vision, Fadell said, but not any



Maxime Veron, head of Hardware Product Marketing for Nest, holds up the latest Nest Cam during a news conference Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in San Francisco. **Associated Press**

longer.

"We have changed the conversation of the connected home," Fadell boasted Wednesday.

Google and other technology companies will still need to overcome people's concerns about protecting their privacy before automated homes become commonplace.

NEW LOOK, NEW NAME FOR CAMERA

The Dropcam is changing its name to the Nest Cam as part of an upgrade

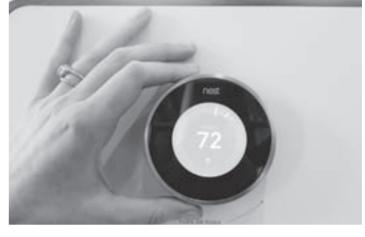
magnet that can be connected to refrigerators and better infrared technology for recording images in the dark. It will cost \$199.

Nest is also offering a \$10-per-month subscription service that will store up to 10 days of video, send alerts about suspicious activity and bundle up to three hours of clips likely to be of the most interest to the home occupants.

BETTER NOSE FOR FIRE

Nest's next-generation smoke detector will have more sophisticated sensors for sniffing out fires and a 10-year lifespan, up from seven years. The device also will perform automatic tests each month to ensure its speaker and horn are working properly. As with the original version of the smoke alarm, it will announce a potential problem in an automated voice before resorting to a loud alarm. It will sell for

To help promote the smoke alarm, Nest is also teaming up with two home insurers, Liberty Mutual and American Family, to offer a 5 percent discount when policyholders agree to install



The Nest Learning Thermostat is on display following a news conference Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in San Francisco. **Associated Press**

thing is functioning normally. In some instances, Liberty Mutual and American Family will give policyholders a free Nest smoke detector if they sign up for the safety-rewards program. American Family is only offering the program in Minnesota initially while Liberty Mutual will initially test it in Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

ADJUSTING THE THERMO-**STAT**

Nest also is providing a free software upgrade to its first product, an Internetconnected thermostat, introduced four years ago. The update will enable the thermostat to turn off a furnace when Nest's smoke detector discovers an unsafe level of carbon monoxide. It will also enable the thermostat to send notifications when the temperature has become too hot for a pet or too cold for a home's pipes.

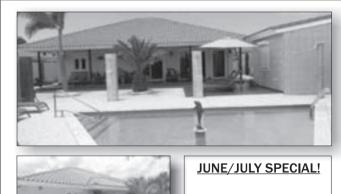


The new Nest Protect smoke and CO alarm is displayed following a news conference Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in San Fran-

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that will feature higherdefinition video, a sleeker design, a stand with a

the devices and allow the insurers to review monthly information to show every-





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Fitbit shows off its pipes in NYSE debut as shares soar

MARLEY JAY

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fitbit flexed some muscle Thursday and its shares rocketed almost 50 percent higher in the first day of trading for the fitness tracking gear maker.

Fitbit's initial public offering priced at \$20 per share,

bringing in more than \$730 million and valuing Fitbit at about \$4.1 billion in total. The company had already raised its stock price expectations this week and said the IPO would include additional shares, but the offering still surpassed its estimates. The company makes devices that can be worn on

the wrist or clipped to clothing. They track steps taken, calories burned and other data and can be synced up with smartphones. Fitbit also sells a Wi-Fi enabled scale that tracks body mass and other data. Fitbit Inc. is the biggest-selling company in the young fitness tracking gear industry. Sales surged

to \$745 million in 2014, almost tripled its total from the previous year. Its first-quarter revenue this year tripled as well. In filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Fitbit said it sold 10.9 million devices last year.

Market research company CCS Insight expects that companies including Fitbit, Jawbone, Nike, Xaomi, Garmin and Misfit will ship 24 million fitness trackers in the U.S. this year, and says that number will double in 2018. But some fitness trackers may already face a big threat from an even newer product: smart watches from companies like Apple, Google and Samsung.

Analysts see several reasons for Colt's slide to bankruptcy



A visitor tries out a M4 carbine rifle, manufactured by Colt Defense LLC in the United States, at the 12th Defence Services Asia Exhibition and Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The 179-year-old gun maker filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy on Sunday, June 14, 2015, estimating it owes up to \$500 million.

(AP Photo/Lai Seng Sin)

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AP Business Writer

HARTFORD, Connecticut

(AP) — The bankruptcy
being sought by Colt Defense was fueled by missteps with gun owners, a
misreading of the police
firearms market and a fall
in gun sales to the public

after an initial spike several years ago, analysts and industry observers say.

But a major blow to the 179-year-old gun maker was the plummeting revenue from government contracts, which Moody's Investor Service said has dropped to less than 10 percent of sales from 60 percent in 2009. Colt lost a U.S. military contract for the M4 carbine in 2013 to Remington, though the contract ultimately went to F.N. Herstal of Belgium following a dispute between Colt and Remington.

"The loss of the U.S. gov-

ernment contract made it far worse," said Alan Rice, a member of the board of the New Hampshire Firearms Coalition.

The gun manufacturer, which is based in West Hartford, filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy on Sunday. It estimates it owes up to \$500 million to dozens of creditors.

Colt Defense is "uniquely dependent on relationships with foreign and domestic military customers," Keith A. Maib, Colt's chief restructuring officer said in bankruptcy court papers. Samuel Colt, who patented the first commercial successful revolving cylinder firearm in 1836, began supplying U.S. and international military customers with guns in 1847, less than a decade after the company's start, he said.

Business trends that have undermined Colt include a decline in sporting rifle sales from a 2013 peak and declines in handgun demand and delays in anticipated timing of U.S. government sales that include foreign military sales through the federal gov-

ernment.

"These trends are expected to continue to put pressure on our liquidity for the foreseeable future," he said.

Richard Feldman, head of the Independent Firearm Owners Association, said Colt forfeited gun sales to police forces at least 20 years ago, believing profit margins were too small. Adding to Colt's problems were the decision to give up on 30 to 40 percent of police firearms market share and Colt's work on smart gun technology intended to make guns safer or not accessible to certain users.

"Things collectively led to disaster," he said.

Smart gun technology, which is intended to prevent unlawful and unsafe use of firearms hurt Colt's reputation with gun owners, Feldman said.

"Instead of doing it to protect gun owners' rights, they appeared to be part of the assault on gun owners' rights," he said. "It left a bad taste in people's mouths, which takes a long time to get rid of."

Chinese tech firm Qihoo gets \$9B buyout offer from CEO

BEIJING (AP) — China's Qihoo 360 Technology Co. Ltd., a provider of Internet security products and popular mobile browser, has received a \$9.1 billion offer from a group led by its chief executive to buy out its public shareholders.

The offer for Qihoo's U.S.-traded shares is the biggest yet in a wave of proposals this year to take Chinese companies private at a time of surging stock prices at home and increased

scrutiny of their finances by foreign shareholders.

Chinese technology companies turned to U.S. and other foreign stock exchanges over the past decade to raise money due to lack of access to the state-dominated financial system at home.

Communist leaders have promised to give private companies more access to China's stock markets and other financing in an effort to make its economy more

productive. Combined with a stock price boom that began in late 2014, that has prompted expectations companies that buy back shares abroad will seek listings on Chinese exchanges instead.

The Qihoo offer gave no indication whether the buyout group planned to seek a market listing in China.

The group led by Zhou Hongyi, Quihoo's founder, offered \$77 per U.S.-traded share, Qihoo said. That would be a 16 percent premium over Tuesday's closing price of \$66.05. Shares rose to \$70.15 following the announcement.

Others in the group offering the buyout include state-owned CITIC Securities Co. Ltd., Sequoia Capital China I LP, Golden Brick Capital Private Equity Fund I LP and China Renaissance Holdings Ltd.

The bid brings to 14 the number of offers this year to take U.S.-traded Chi-

nese companies private, according to Dealogic, a financial information provider. By contrast, there were only two such offers in the same period last year. They include a \$3.3 billion offer for Wuxi Pharmetech Inc., a drug manufacturer, and \$2.6 billion for Mindray Medical International Ltd., a maker of medical equipment. Nearly all the groups making such offers include managers of the companies.



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Wall Street soars on Fed relief, Nasdaq composite sets record

ALEX VEIGA AP Business Writer

U.S. stocks notched their biggest gains in a week Thursday, pushing the Nasdaq composite index to an all-time high.

The rally came a day after the Federal Reserve suggested that it wasn't planning to raise interest rates right away. Ultra-low rates over the past six years have helped drive a bull market in stocks that has pushed the market to record levels.

the most recent high for the index of 5,106.59 set May 27.

Most major U.S. stock indexes are up for the year, but the Nasdaq is turning in the best performance. It's up 8.4 percent, compared with a gain of 3 percent for the S&P 500 index and 1.6 percent for the Dow.

The Nasdaq's rise has been driven by technology and health care. In a slow-growth world, investors are favoring stocks where earnings will be better than

ly 21. When the Nasdaq was at its highest, the ratio reached 194.

Drug developer BioMarin Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology company Radius Health were among the big gainers in the index on Thursday. Both companies reported positive news on treatments still in development.

BioMarin vaulted \$15.06, or 12.2 percent, to \$138.66, while Radius added \$7.91, or 15.3 percent, to \$59.64. Investors also welcomed



A screen by the Market Intelligence Desk shows an intraday high for the Nasdaq Composite index, at the Nasdaq MarketSite, in New York, Thursday, June 18, 2015. U.S. stocks notched their biggest gains in a week Thursday, pushing the Nasdaq composite index to an all-time high.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The central bank said Wednesday that it needs to see more improvement in the economy and stronger signs of inflation before lifting rates, reassuring investors.

"The Fed's likely to raise rates later this year, but maybe not as aggressively as some market participants worried," said Michael Baele, managing director and senior portfolio manager at U.S. Bank Private Client Reserve.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 180.10 points, or 1 percent, to 18,115.84. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 20.80 points, or 1 percent, to 2,121.24.

The Nasdaq added 68.07 points, or 1.3 percent, closing at 5,132.95, surpassing

average. Faster-growing companies should also fare better should rates eventually rise, said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at Rockwell Global Capital.

While the Nasdaq, which tracks 2,500-plus stocks, has been steadily climbing since 2011, its ascent isn't the crazed surge that drove it to its dot-com bubble era highs in 2000. This time the gains are underpinned by solid companies said Stephen Freedman, senior investment strategist at UBS Wealth Management Americas.

The average price-earnings ratio of the Nasdaq, a measure of how much investors are willing to pay for every dollar of earnings the companies in the index generate, is current-

the market debut of fitnesstracking gear company Fitbit on Thursday.

The company's stock jumped \$9.68, or 48.4 percent, to \$29.68 after pricing its initial public offering at \$20 per share.

Traders also got an indication that the economy was recovering from its weak start to the year.

An index designed to predict the future health of the economy posted a second straight strong increase in May, indicating the economy should gain strength in the second half of this year. Separately, weekly applications for unemployment benefits fell last week to a seasonally adjusted 267,000, near 15-year lows reached two months ago.

Airbus flies past Boeing in jet orders race at Paris air show

GREG KELLER JAMEY KEATEN Associated Press

LE BOURGET, France (AP) — Europe's Airbus glided past Boeing to take top honors in their annual competition to sell commercial jets at the Paris Air Show. The U.S. plane maker, however, inked more deals for big-ticket wide-body planes.

As the final tally came down Thursday, the archrivals together booked over \$107 billion in orders and commitments in the biennial gathering's first four days, when airline executives clink champagne glasses and write huge checks and pilots test high-tech jets overhead.

Airbus racked up \$57 billion worth of business for 421 aircraft. The announcement of a provisional deal by European low-cost carrier Wizz Air for 110 A321neos — worth more than \$12.5 billion at list prices — put the Toulouse, France-based plane maker over the top against Boeing in financial terms. It was the show's single biggest order.

Chicago-based Boeing tallied orders and commitments for 331 planes worth \$50.2 billion. Its biggest deal was with Dutch leasing company AerCap for 100 737MAX-8 planes, worth up to \$10.7 billion at list prices. Customers routinely negotiate discounts off those list prices.

Boeing spokesman Daniel Mosely insisted the total numbers don't tell the whole story. He said that not counting provisional deals, Boeing did better — firm orders for 145 aircraft, valued at \$18.6 billion, compared with 124 planes worth \$16.3 billion for Airbus.

And Boeing also was ahead in selling the more expensive wide-body aircraft, with orders and commitments for 77 compared to 51 for Airbus. Single-aisle aircraft made up the vast majority of business announced at the show.

"By any measure, this is a fairly good air show," said Randy Tinseth, Boeing's vice president for marketing. "We've seen a deep and broad customer base, and a deep and broad model mix."

All together, the orders are not as many as those booked at last year's show at Britain's Farnborough Air Show, which trades the spotlight with Paris from year to year as the site of Europe's premier aviation event. Industry watchers have been expecting a more modest haul of orders as airlines pull back from a record-breaking spate of plane buying in recent years. High fuel prices up until a year ago had prompted airlines to invest massively in a new generation of more fuel-economical aircraft like the Airbus A320neo and the Boeing 737MAX.

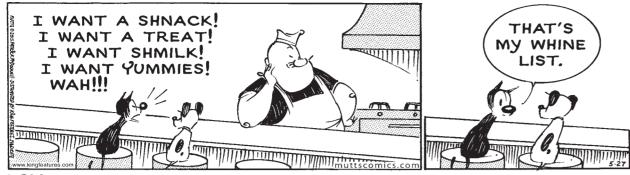
Against those lowered expectations, this year's results were nevertheless satisfactory.

"It's been a good show, and not only that, but most of the orders are pretty solid," said Ben Moores, an aviation analyst with IHS Jane's. Moores noted that orders that are not firm don't always materialize fully. Airbus' big order from Wizz Air, for example, was only provisional, a so-called memorandum of understanding that still requires shareholder approval.

The carrier based in Budapest, Hungary, currently has only 61 planes and is expecting 41 more through mid-2018. Its order Thursday for another 110 to be delivered starting in 2019 would more than triple its fleet in coming years. Airbus' orders count appeared to surpass its own expectations. On Tuesday, Airbus CEO Fabrice Bregier had told The Associated Press that he predicted about 200 orders or commitments by the end of the show \square

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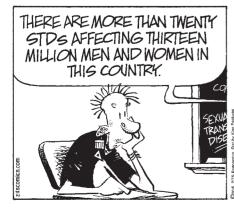


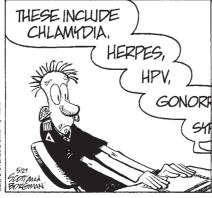






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Fears over the country's financial future, whether in the euro or not, have been a key driver across financial markets recently, notably in Greece itself. On Thursday, stocks in Europe advanced before the outcome of the talks in Luxembourg was known.

Uncertainty about the future is also having an impact on the day-to-day decisions of the Greeks themselves. There have been increasing signs that people are withdrawing money from banks in increasing amounts, raising fears that the government will be forced to put up controls on the free flow of capital.

Varoufakis wouldn't be drawn on the possibility of so-called capital controls but said the deposit outflow started in December, before the radical left Syriza party came to power following elections in January.

"On the question of capital controls, permit me to say that they are the precise antithesis of a monetary union, a monetary union that contemplates capital controls is one that has failed in its duty," he said.

As Thursday's meeting broke up, at least 7,000 people gathered outside Parliament in central Athens in a peaceful rally backing membership in the currency zone and the European Union.

Varoufakis and others claimed a deal was still possible.

The eurozone's top official, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, insisted that he and his peers were "very committed" to keeping Greece in the eurozone, despite the lack of progress in recent weeks.

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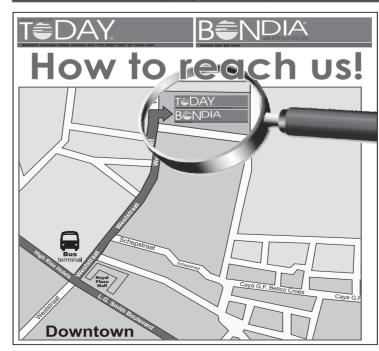
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DNA from ancient skeleton shows ties to Native Americans

MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — An ancient skeleton found nearly 20 years ago in a river in Washington is related to Native Americans, says a DNA study that could help resolve a long-running dispute over its ancestry and custody.

The skeleton, known as Kennewick Man, is about 8,500 years old. The new work argues against earlier suggestions that it wasn't connected to modern native peoples, the researchers said.

Most scientists trace modern native groups to Siberian ancestors who arrived by way of a land bridge that used to extend to Alaska. But features of Kennewick Man's skull led some scientists to suggest its ancestors came from elsewhere.

Researchers turned to DNA analysis to try to clarify the skeleton's ancestry. They recovered DNA from a fragment of hand bone, mapped its genetic code and compared that to modern-day DNA from native peoples of the Americas and populations around the world.

The results showed a greater similarity to DNA from the Americas than from anywhere else, with a close relationship to at least one Native American population in Washington.

The research, by an international team of scientists, was published online Thursday by the journal Nature. Preliminary results were reported in January by The Seattle Times.

Kennewick Man isn't the oldest human remains from North America to have its entire DNA code mapped, and several experts said the new results are no surprise. But Kennewick Man isn't just any fossil.

"It's a very high-profile individual and has been for a long time," said anthropologist Dennis O'Rourke of the University of Utah, who wasn't involved in the new study.

One reason is the scientific



This July 24, 1997 file photo shows a plastic casting of the skull from the bones known as Kennewick Man in Richland, Wash.

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argument over its ancestry, driven by skull features that looked more like those of Polynesians or other groups.

Another is a legal dispute over what should be done with the skeleton, which was uncovered in 1996 after two men stumbled across part of its skull in the Columbia River near the city of Kennewick in southern Washington.

Some Native American tribes asked that it be handed over to them for reburial, under a 1990 federal law aimed at returning certain Native American cultural items, including human remains, to descendants and culturally affiliated tribes. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which

manages the land where Kennewick Man was found, planned to grant the request. But some scientists sued to block that, saying the bones should be kept available for study.

In 2004, a federal appeals court agreed with lower court decisions to block the handover, agreeing with the scientists that the law did not apply because there was no evidence to connect the remains to any existing tribe.

It's not clear what the results of the DNA analysis will mean for the dispute.

One group that had asked for the remains, the Washington-based Colville tribe, donated DNA for the work. Analysis showed that Kennewick Man is "very closely related to the Colville," said Eske Willerslev of the University of Copenhagen, senior author of the study. He said DNA from the other tribes that had asked for the bones was not available for the study, but that he suspected they are closely related, too.

But he said he and his team took no position on the legal question about custody of the skeleton.

The work received no funding from any Native American group, he said. He met with members of the Colville tribe earlier this week to share the results. Jim Boyd, chairman of the

council that governs the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, said the findings will aid the tribal efforts to rebury the remains.

"We have always maintained the belief that the Ancient One was one of us," he said, using the tribal term for Kennewick Man. But one of the scientists who sued to block the turnover said he doesn't think the new results connect the skeleton clearly enough to the Colville group to justify handing them over under the federal law.

"The results do not tie Kennewick Man exclusively to the Colville," said Doug Owsley, division head for physical anthropology at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History,









In this March 17, 2014 file photo, actress Taylor Schilling poses for a portrait in Los Angeles.

Taylor Schilling sheds 'Orange' jumpsuit for 'Overnight' romp

NICOLE EVATT Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Taylor Schilling isn't a fan of seeing herself on the big screen. Toss in some partial nudity and awkward sex scenes from her new comedy "The Overnight" and the actress is positively mortified.

"The first scene I was like, 'Why did I sign up to do this?' Why did I do this?!'" she said of the film's opening sequence featuring Schilling and Adam Scott in the throes.

The R-rated romp, out Friday, follows unsuspecting couple Alex and Emily (Scott and Schilling) on a night of debauchery with their eccentric new friends (Jason Schwartzman and Judith Godrèche).

"I watch myself just in horror," Schilling said during a recent interview. "I don't know what that's about and I should probably talk about that more in therapy, but it's so painful."

The Emmy and Golden Globe-nominated actress is no stranger to risque material. Her character, Piper, on the Netflix hit "Orange is the New Black" finds herself in many compromising positions while acclimating to life in a women's prison. "But I haven't had to watch that in a theater with an audience!" she retorted. She said the key to surviving uncomfortable scenes is to simply dive in head

"All you can do is just go for it, which I do wholeheartedly," said Schilling.

Jeremy Irons talks "Batman" and the merits of growing old

THOMAS ADAMSON Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Jeremy Irons is a member of acting's most elite group, with an Oscar, a Tony and an Emmy to his name. But at 66, an age when some might consider retirement, the dapper English actor could not be doing more.

He's president of this month's Champs Elysees Film Festival in Paris and has recently filmed in three independent films. Irons also hits the screens next year in Zack Snyder's highlyanticipated "Batman v Superman" as Alfred, Bruce Wayne's endlessly patient

The mix of high and lowbrow, arty and commercial, is typical of the versatile actor. Irons started in theater, won an Academy Award for the 1990 drama "Reversal of Fortune," but went on to be best known as the fiendish lion named Scar in "The Lion King."

In a straw hat and smoking as he overlooked the Arc de Triomphe, a relaxed Irons spoke to The Associated Press about growing old and why blockbusters aren't more fun to do.

"I don't see films as block-



In this file photo dated Tuesday, June 9, 2015, Jury president, British actor Jeremy Irons signs autographs for fans upon arrival at the opening ceremony of Champs Elysees Film Festival at the "Publicis Cinema" in Paris. **Associated Press**

busters or independents. I just see good and bad scripts. I suppose that's why my career has been so diverse. The main difference with the huge-budget films is that you see your co-stars less, there's a lot of waiting," he quipped.

Irons says big Hollywood studios have decided to play it safe with crowdpleasing fantasy films and superhero flicks like "Batman v Superman" — but he says that has damaged independent filmmakina.

"You can't blame the studios for playing it safe. It's inevitable. But the downside is that raising money for middle-ranging independent films has got incredibly hard. That's the real shame," he said.

Irons says his near-five-decade career has given him the confidence to pursue scripts on merit.

"You just don't feel the pressure anymore," he said. "You not as scared as offending people. And you can pursue projects that really count."

And he's one actor who uses his celebrity for good causes.





'True Detective' returns, staying true to its powerful past

FRAZIER MOORE AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "True Detective" could drive you to drink. Its second season (Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT on HBO) arrives under cover of such darkness and psychic pain it seems to bea its audience to keep a bottle close by in a display of unity with its hard-drinking protagonists.

"You tying one on?" asks Frank Semyon (series star Vince Vaughn), an enterprising but beleaguered mobster, as he sits across from tormented Detective Ray Velcoro (co-star Colin Farrell) and watches him drain glass after glass of Frank's pricey Johnny Walker Blue.

"Not particularly," grunts Velcoro, filling his glass again.Of course, if you were to tie one on while watching "True Detective" you might realize you're not the sort of high-functioning alcoholic represented by Detective Velcoro, who serves the city of Vinci, a corrupt, industrially ravaged neighbor of Los Angeles. Or by Ani Bezzerides (Rachel McAdams), a hard-bitten Ventura County sheriff's detective.

Stick to soft drinks. "True Detective" this season, even more than last, de-



In this image released by HBO, Rachel McAdams portrays Ani Bezzerides, a tough, embittered Ventura County Sheriff's Detective, in the second season of the HBO original series "True Detective," airing Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT.

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mands a viewer's full attention to absorb the twisting, multilayered puzzle tauntwith Paul Woodrugh (Taylor Kitsch), a troubled war veteran and California Highway Patrol motorcycle cop, as well as Frank, whose make-or-break-him real-estate deal is thrown in jeopardy, as they all converge on a pivotal event: the eerie murder of a Vinci city official.

That, in a nutshell, is what this season's "True Detective" encompasses: lawenforcement officers (the

series title still applies) and attempts to find answers to a crime whose search ing Ray and Ani, along is complicated by ulterior motives. (Hear Ray addressing a superior in a future episode: "One question. Am I supposed to solve this or not?")But what "True Detective" is this season may be no more important than how it differs from last season, which, of course, was a triumph starring Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson as they tackled, in effect, not one but two roles apiece: former Louisiana State Police

detectives being interrogated in 2012 about a homicide case that they were seen, in flashbacks, working in 1995.

Although Vaughn and Farrell are the nominal co-leads this season, and excellent, the new saga doesn't call for last year's two-man actors' showcase in a dual time frame. These co-stars are fused into this season's larger ensemble, in the present tense.

What truly ties the "True Detective" seasons together: the voice and vision of Nic Pizzolatto. He created the series, wrote all last year's episodes and has repeated that feat for the upcoming eight hours. And he apparently has never heard the expression "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," having ditched the buddy-drama format that worked so well to do his thing in other, different ways this time.

How he's done it should become increasingly evident beyond the three episodes made available for preview. But he has clearly retained last year's "weird fiction" atmospherics of the Louisiana bayou despite relocating to an urban world. In this factoryand-refinery-choked corner of L.A., the macabre is in evidence, even in the interstitial aerial shots of tangled freeways, where cars look like corpuscles coursing through blood vessels.

As before, Pizzolatto's characters seem fated to be cruelly denied whatever they want most.

Frank wants a child with his lovely, supportive wife, Jordan (Kelly Reilly).

Paul, the highway patrolman, wants to be returned to duty as a motorcycle cop, but that seems unlikely after he gets into a scrape. Ray wants a comfortable relationship with his young son, which seems as far out of reach as this unmet dream: "I used to want to be an astronaut," he says. "But astronauts don't even go to the moon anymore." Yet another way "True Detective" stays true to its past: its darkness. Even darker than last year, this season sets out on one very black journey, both visually and tonally. A key scene in the season premiere occurs in a bar, perhaps the dimmest bar in TV history, where the entertainer — a wan young woman with a guitar sings maybe the most melancholy song ever heard. Its refrain: "This is my least favorite life."

Ahead, "True Detective" is absorbed with least favorite lives, which makes it just as fascinating, if not more so, than ever. But be warned: You may long for a flashlight.

NBC's new anchor Lester Holt rose steadily to top

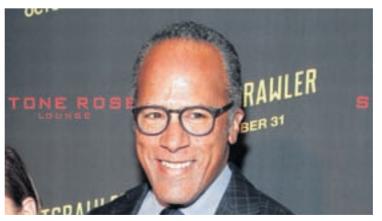
DAVID BAUDER AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — While Lester Holt's ascension to full-time anchor of NBC's "Nightly News" came as a result of Brian Williams' stunning downfall, no one can say he hasn't worked hard to take advantage of an opportunity.

becomes the first African-American to be sole anchor of a network evening newscast. Max Robinson was part of a three-anchor team with Peter Jennings and Frank Reynolds at ABC News in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Holt, at 56 the same age as Williams, is a graduate of Cal State University in Sacramento. He was a reporter at CBS affiliates in New York and Los Angeles and worked at CBS News' "48 Hours." For 14 years, he was the evening news anchor at WBBM-TV in Chicago.

The California-born Holt He came to work at NBC News in 2000, primarily as an anchor at MSNBC. He logged so many hours on the air following the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks that he earned the internal nickname of "iron pants." When MSNBC took a parti-



In this Oct. 27, 2014 file photo, Lester Holt attends the New York premiere of "Nightcrawler" in New York.

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san turn. Holt's focus shifted to NBC News. He coanchors "Dateline NBC" and did the same for the "Weekend Today" edi-

tions. He anchored "Nightly News" on the weekends and was Williams' primary sub during the weekday editions.

